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This is UNEVALUATED Information

- Between 20 and 26 June 1955, about 650 workers were employed on construction work at Wolfsherringen airfield. Oberbauleiter (construction supervisor) Schoenefelder (fnu) was in charge of the construction site. He was assisted by Supervisor Lehmann (fnu). Concreting work on the taxiway, which was called "Road 8Ca", was completed. The lanes connecting the taxiway and the runway were, however, still without a concrete surface. The drainage system, which led in steps from the airfield to a brook south of the field, was completed. The drainage pipes were being covered with earth. A small villa located near a silo in the vicinity of Point 143 is said to be used by a Soviet major. It was unknown if he had anything to do with the airfield. The lanes connecting the taxiway and the runway were still without a concrete surface. The drainage system was completed.
- Construction work at the airfield has been delayed, especially skilled workers, and the poor condition of the existing machines used. Many of the machines were out of operation for prolonged periods because of repair work required. The damaged machines could not be replaced. For this reason, time schedules fixed for construction work could not be kept. Between 20 and 25 July, the pipes of locomotives employed at the field burst several times. It was also suspected that sabotage activities were involved. In the course of high investigations, it was found out, however, that the feed water used for these locomotives contained so much lime that the pipes were corroded from within. The break down of locomotives meant an additional delay in the execution of construction work at the airfield.

Comment: Information available on the status of concreting work on the taxiway is not precise. It is believed that the taxiway will be completed in the summer of this year. Later November 1955 was reported as being the date set for the completion of the entire installation of the airfield work at the airfield.

Information available on the status of a villa located near a silo in the vicinity of Point 143 is not precise. It is believed that the villa will be completed in the summer of this year. Later November 1955 was reported as being the date set for the completion of the entire installation of the airfield work at the airfield.

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